

**January 18, 2005**

CMS has had an overwhelming response for the four-day technical assistance conference in Baltimore on January 24-27, 2005, and as a result, has extended the registration period. The conference will include sessions on the prescription drug and Medicare Advantage application processes, regional PPOs, and employer group options. The training for potential prescription drug plans (PDPs) will be focused on the requirements for becoming a PDP and completing the PD application.

CMS has established joint conference facilities. We have secured additional conference space at both the Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel and the adjacent (and connected) Wyndham Hotel where many attendees will be staying. There will be a video feed for the attendees to hear all of the presentations, and questions will alternate between the rooms in the Radisson and the Wyndham. All registration will occur in the Radisson Lord Baltimore and attendees will be directed to the conference rooms. Information regarding registration, additional accommodations at the Wyndham Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland and other details for this conference can be accessed at <http://cms.c2ti.com> . **Registration closes for this conference on close of business, January 19, 2005.**

Please keep in mind that we will have a repeat of this conference in San Diego, CA January 31-February 1 and in New Orleans February 3-4. Information and details for these conferences can be accessed at [www.aspenxnet.com/partd](http://www.aspenxnet.com/partd).

We appreciate the overwhelming response in participating in this important event, and look forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks.